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here are the simple facts that are driving retirees and their retirement dollars out of CT Taxes can be a big burden to a retiree on a fixed income. But they don't have to be: Most states offer some form of relief from the tax man.

- The tax trifecta: Alaska and New Hampshire levy no tax on sales, income or Social Security. Alaska offers another bonus to residents: an annual cash payment from royalties on the state's vast oil deposits. In 2013 the Alaska Permanent Fund Dividend was \$900.
- Seven decent sanctuaries: Florida, Nevada, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Washington and Wyoming have sales taxes but don't impose state income taxes, or levies on Social Security and pension income.
- Three shopping shelters: Delaware, Montana and Oregon do not have a sales tax.
- Friends of retirees: Income from Social Security gets a pass in 36 states and Washington, D.C.; Iowa will join the club this year.